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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN-UK CHARTERS

1. PAN AM HAS BEEN TOLD BY ITS LONDON OFFICE THAT TWICE WEEKLY SERIES ROUNDTRIP ITC CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND LONDON WHICH UP TO NOW HAVE RECEIVED DOT APPROVAL WILL NOT RECEIVE SUCH APPROVAL SUBSEQUENT TO JUNE 19. PAN AM LONDON OFFICE ADVISED OF THIS BY TELEPHONE JUNE 11 FROM DOT WHICH PROMISED FORMAL NOTIFICATION IN WRITING WITHIN A FEW DAYS. DOT CALLER INDICATED THAT IN DOT VIEW BERLIN-LONDON-BERLIN ROUTING CONSTITUTED CABOTAGE (SIC).

2. IF BRITISH ARE SEEKING TO RESTRICT PAN AM BERLIN-LONDON CHARTERS, THEY ARE PROBABLY MOTIVATED TO DO SO BY THEIR CONTINUED UNHAPPINESS WITH FIFTH FREEDOM CHARTERS. IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, BRITISH HAVE EITHER OVERLOOKED OR
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IGNORED FACT THAT US PERMITS BRITISH SUPPLEMENTALS TO

OPERATE INBOUND FIFTH FREEDOM CHARTERS AND DESIGNATED
BRITISH SCHEDULED CARRIERS TO OPERATE FIFTH FREEDOM CHART-
ERS INBOUND AND OUTBOUND (TRAFFIC FROM WHICH BCAL, FOR
EXAMPLE, DERIVES CONSIDERABLE REVENUES). OBVIOUSLY, US
ATTITUDE AND TREATMENT OF BRITISH FIFTH FREEDOM CHARTERS IS

FUNCTION OF BRITISH ATTITUDE AND TREATMENT OF US FIFTH
FREEDOM CHARTERS.

3. LARGER ISSUE GROWING OUT OF REPORTED DOT ACTION WOULD
BE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ALLIED INTERESTS IN BERLIN. MOST
OF THE BASES OF ALLIED POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR STRONG AND
VIAABLE SCHEDULED AIR LINKS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE
WEST ARE APPLICABLE IN THE CASE OF AIR CHARTER
SERVICES. OBVIOUS BUT IMPORTANT DISTINCTION BETWEEN TWO
IS THAT CHARTERS PROVIDE LOWER COST ALTERNATIVE TO
SCHEDULED SERVICES, ONE RESULT OF WHICH IS THAT SEGMENT
OF TRAVELING PUBLIC HAS AVAILABLE TO IT AIR SERVICES
THAT IT MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADRESSEES REQUESTED CONFIRM
PAN AM REPORT OF DOT ACTION. ADDRESSEES ASSESSMENTS
AS TO POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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